Kya! The puddle is...!
Is another rainbow gonna come out??
Huh?
Hu uh?
わ...あ!
Waaaaaah!
A cat! It's a cat!
A cat came out of the rainbow puddle!
My! So pretty... it's like I'm in a charming dream...
I'm sure this is a present from Mama.
Kya
Lick
In all the world, I'm sure there couldn't be another wonderful rainbow cat like this. Thank you, Mama... Mama...

By Izumi Yoko

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第5回

Ah!
The door!
This is no good. Now you can't see your mom.
But you told me I could meet her!
Liar! Liar!
But—you ran off and everything!
I hate liars! I despise them!
What a rude girl.
Ah!
It's the queen!
Darn!
We've been found!

How do you cross a rainbow?
If I had wings like a bird, I could.
If I were light like a balloon, I could.
Mama... Mama... Mama...
I'm think I could see you If I could fly above the clouds.
I wanna be a baseball player!
I...I'd like to be a singer.
I wanna be a pilot! I'm gonna fly above the clouds!
Girls can't be pilots!
There's no way you can be one!
Yes I will!
No you won't!
Wow! She beat a boy!
I guess you can be a pilot, Miss Women's Lib.
I'm strong, you know!

What a thing to do, to so thoughtlessly speak ill of the kind Pylon who heard your wish and brought you here.
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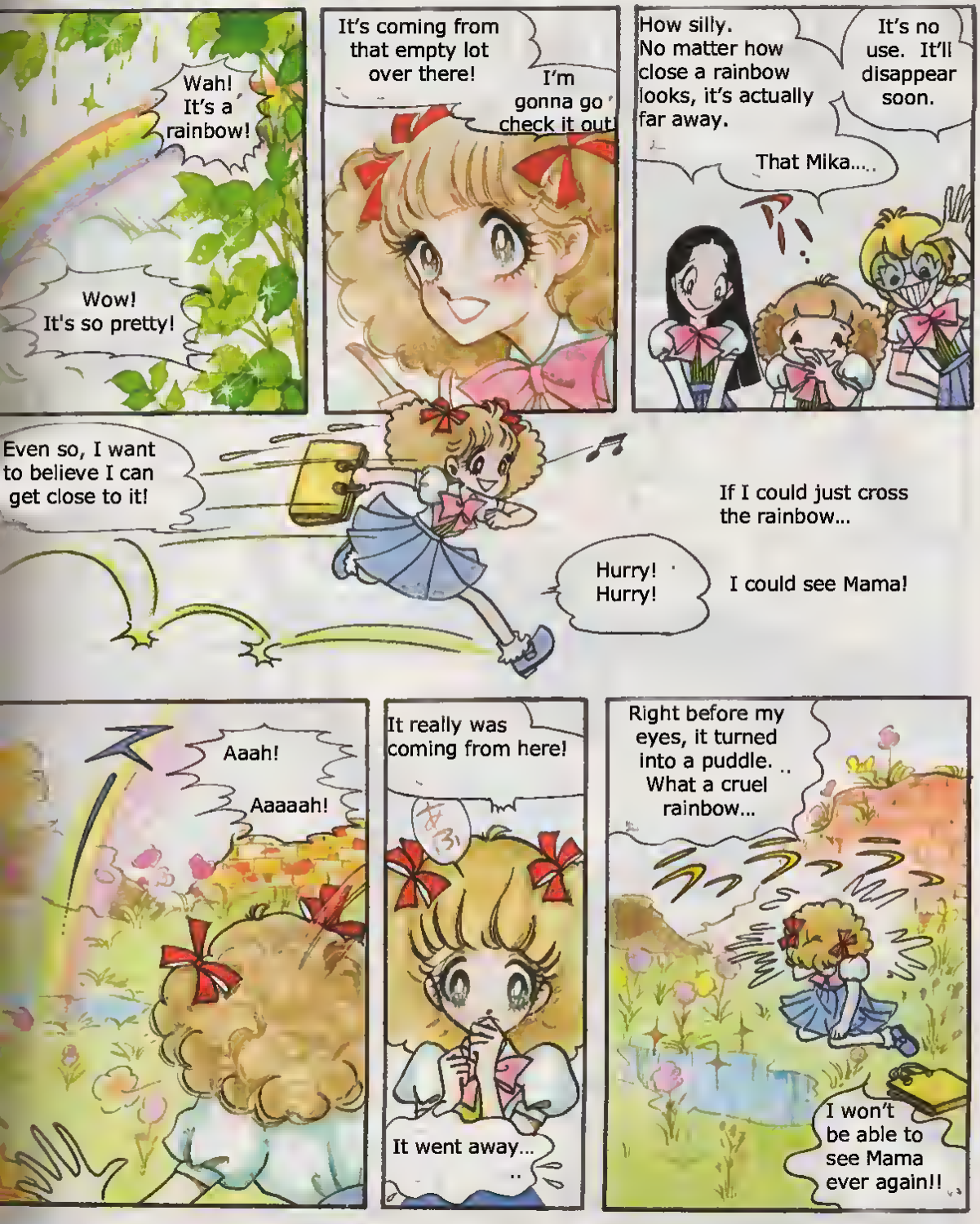
.....
I'm cutting you off, Pylon. I cannot forgive your actions.
You will stay a cat forever.
I will not permit you to return to your true form.
Aaah!
Pylon!
Meow!
Pylon!
I'm sorry... I couldn't grant your wish...
ピロンたら…
Oh, Pylon!
You shouldn't have been so kind to me...
There's no way that being cursed for my sake could make you happy!


Wah! It's a rainbow!
Wow! It's so pretty!
It's coming from that empty lot over there!
I'm gonna go check it out!
How silly. No matter how close a rainbow looks, it's actually far away.
It's no use. It'll disappear soon.
That Mika....
Even so, I want to believe I can get close to it!
Hurry! Hurry!
If I could just cross the rainbow...
I could see Mama!
Aaah!
Aaaaah!
It really was coming from here!
It went away...
Right before my eyes, it turned into a puddle.. What a cruel rainbow...
I won't be able to see Mama ever again!!

That's not true.
We're friends now, aren't we?
Yeah!
We're friends!
Very well. In deference to Pylon, you will be forgiven.
You may return to the surface world.
パパのこと
たのみました
よ…
ピロンもいつか
許される日が
くるでしょう
ふたりとも
元気で……
I asked your Papa...
One day, Pylon will be forgiven.
Take care, you two...
ミカちゃん……
Mika-chan...
Ah!
Mama!
Mama!
Goodbye...
Mama...Mama...

I have to hurry and show Papa!
Ufu~ He'll surely be surprised!
I'm home!
Papa! Papa!
Papa!
Welcome home, Mika-chan.
You know, Mika-chan...
Oh! Hello Aunt Takeda. Look! Look at this!
It's a rainbow cat my mom gave me. Look how pretty it is!
Huh?
Mi— Mika-chan!
Wash off this mud and go to your study! I have important things to talk to you about.
Auntie, You're my mom's sister, right? You don't look anything like her, though.
Cause mom was way prettier!
Leave me alone!
Honestly! She has no manners!
That's strange. I wonder if I got mixed up.
I mean, there's no way a rainbow could turn into a puddle.
And this is just a normal cat.

I'm sorry for worrying you, Auntie.

But please, Pylon is a precious friend of mine.

I can't leave him behind.

Honestly... you can't leave a friend behind, now can you?

In exchange, you'll have to look after yourself more often.

Thank you so much, Auntie! I love you!

It's really true! He's a rainbow cat!

But you know, nobody would believe that Pylon was actually a handsome boy from the Rainbow Country.

Like this, He really looks like an ordinary cat. Maybe it was just a dream... a day dream...

I'll have to send Papa a letter and introduce him. I wonder if he'll believe me?

ミカと虹(にじ)ネコくん —— おわり ——

Honestly, this aunt of mine is so annoying and noisy...
どーせ
お説教でしょ
ホント
このおばさま
ときたら
おせっかいで
口うるさいん
だから‥
I'm just gonna get lectured, one way or the other.
What did you want to talk about? Where's Papa?
Oh, good for you.
You can get changed by yourself now, I see.
grade 5 pride!
You know, Auntie, I'm not such a little kid anymore. I'm in the 5th grade now!
スー
That's right. So you can understand how your father feels now, can't you? Here, this is from your father.
My precious Mika,
Your Aunt Takeda will be looking after you for a while.
I really must conduct this research in the Amazon.
I broke my promise. Please forgive me.
Papa!!
I love you Mika, so be a good girl and wait for me please
Papa...!!
You went away, Papa...?
You're the worst! The worst! You didn't even say goodbye!
You left without me knowing anything!
To go like this... To go like this...

If he told you in person it would have been harder. There was no choice.
No! No! No!
You're not a child anymore, right? Pack your things into this bag. Also, I'm not keeping this cat.
Bring it back where it came from.
No way! This cat isn't a stray, it's mine!
Because Mama gave it to me!!
This cannot be allowed!
Bring it back at once!
I hate you! I hate you! I really, really hate you, Auntie. Like I'd go to your house! Even Papa went away without telling me...Nobody understands me!
I want to fly on a rainbow... All the way to where Mama is...

You okay? You're not hurt?
Kya! Who are you?
You can't tell? It's me, Pylon...
That rainbow cat....-kun?
How handsome! I'm totally flustered!
Come with me! I'll take you to meet your mom.
Kya, really?!
Shh! Hide—it's the rainbow queen!
Humans aren't allowed here.
He's even more handsome up close.
Oh no! I took a bat with him without knowing it- that's so embarr--assing!

This is a story about the day a seven-colored rainbow bridge appeared in the sky, following the rain—
From now on you'll live together with Papa, just the two of us.
You're a good girl, so don't cry anymore.
こだから……
You're not a little girl anymore, Mika. So please, don't cry in front of Papa.
But... I really want to see Mama.
Look, Mika, Mama is crossing over to the sky...
I haven't seen Mama even once since that day.
Why did she fly away to the sky?
What can I do so I can meet her?

ミカと虹ネコくん

Mika and the Rainbow Cat

As you know, those ancient r uins are...
Oh! Professor Ookubo's here!
I wonder if he's brought me some shortcake again? Ufufu...
And that's why I would love for you to be a part of this research team.
There's no way that you can refuse, since you're an archeologist after all.
Of course. It's just... Excavating in the jungle and putting research together could take 2 3 years... or possibly more....
I've never been separated from Mika for even a day. I'm not sure that I could leave her behind...
Papa!
Are you gonna leave me and go away?
Are you?! Are you?!
I'm not going anywhere. I would never leave you behind.
Really? Really Papa?!
With a great discovery like this at stake, It's not really the time for overflowing filial affection.

wow! How beautiful!

The rainbow queen has seven sisters. Your mom is the youngest.

Wow, I had no idea.

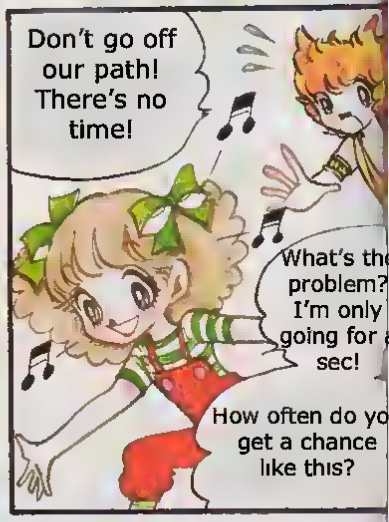
And I was finally starting to believe that auntie of mine was her sister...

Okay, come this way.

Ah! Horses are flying around!

They're Pegasuses!!

Kya! How fantastic! How wonderful! It's a Rainbow Country festival!


Don't go off our path! There's no time!
What's the problem? I'm only going for a sec!
How often do yo get a chance like this?

Wah! Rainbow cotton candy!
キャッ キャッ
Wah! Rainbow rock candy!

He you! Are you sure you won't regret it if you can't meet your mom?
ギクッ
アワワ

Hurry!
If you don't hurry the door will close!

キィ

I'm always watching over you...Goodbye.
ママは
いつでも
あなたのこと
みまもって
いますよ…
さようなら
Wait! Wait!
Don't go! Don't go, Mama! Mama!!
Watch out, Mika-chan!
パチン!
Pop!
ミカちゃ……
Mika-chan!
Mika-chan!
ミカちゃ
Mika-chan!
Auntie!
I was looking for you! I was looking all over! I was so worried!
ムギュ
When I awoke, It was almost dark.
I was where the puddle had been.
A dream?

Would you like me to take you to her?
It turned into a rainbow cat again! Hey, you can speak?!
Look at this puddle, but do not touch it.
Ah! Don't touch i—
Oh! Mama!!
Kyaa!!
Even though I said no,
You did it anyway!!
You've broken through the puddle
We're already in the rainbow country!

No, over here!
Wow, those puddles look like clouds!
Floaty float
!?
Hey! Thanks, Fifi!
You're such a klutz, Pylon.
The queen was looking for you while you were in the surface world.
Hello, Miss Human, I'm a soap bubble sprite.
Am I inside a soap bubble right now?
Don't get crazy over there, this thing breaks really easily.
Kyaa~~!! Incredible! How wonderful! I've always wanted to do this!
パチン!
Pop!
Crash
Turn
See? I won't say I told you so, but I guess you're the type who doesn't listen when someone say no.